In the Claims:

- 1. (Withdrawn) A raster image processor comprising:
- a processor to parse a print ready file;
- a rasterizer to translate the parsed print ready file to an intermediate file; and
 - a compressor to translate the intermediate file to an embedded bit-stream.
- 2. (Withdrawn) The raster image processor of claim 1, wherein the print ready file comprises a print description language file.
- 3. (Withdrawn) The raster image processor of claim 1, wherein the print ready file comprises a display list.
- 4. (Withdrawn) The raster image processor of claim 1, wherein the intermediate file comprises a page strip.
- 5. (Withdrawn) The raster image processor of claim 1, wherein the embedded bit-stream comprises a progressively encoded compressed image.
- 6. (Withdrawn) The raster image processor of claim 1, wherein the embedded bit-stream comprises an image-chain.

- 7. (Withdrawn) The raster image processor of claim 1, further comprising a decompressor to decompress the embedded bit-stream.
- 8. (Withdrawn) The raster image processor of claim 1, wherein the embedded bit-stream is stored in a recordable medium.
 - 9. (Withdrawn) A printer device comprising:
 - a processor to parse a print ready file;
 - a rasterizer to translate the parsed print ready file to an intermediate file;
- a compressor to translate the intermediate image file to an embedded bitstream;
 - a decompressor to decompress the embedded bit-stream; and
- a print engine to render an image from the decompressed embedded bit stream.
- 10. (Withdrawn) The printer device of claim 9 further comprising a memory to store the embedded bit-stream prior to decompression.
- 11. (Withdrawn) The printer device of claim 9, wherein the embedded bit-stream comprises a progressively encoded compressed image.
- 12. (Withdrawn) The printer device of claim 9, wherein the embedded bit-stream comprises an image-chain.

13. (Withdrawn) A rasterizer comprising:

a processor;

- a memory to store a display list file;
- a rasterization module to create raster data in the display list file; and
- a compressor to compress the raster data into one or more embedded bit streams.
- 14. (Withdrawn) The rasterizer of claim 13, wherein the compressor is configured to complete compression into the one or more embedded bit-streams whenever a predetermined threshold is met.
- 15. (Withdrawn) The rasterizer of claim 13, wherein the compressor is configured to compress the one or more embedded bit streams to include a set of quality blocks and a quality block is dropped from each of the one or more embedded bit-stream when a predetermined threshold is met.
- 16. (Withdrawn) The rasterizer of claim 13, wherein the compressor is configured to compress the one or more embedded bit streams to include a set of quality blocks and a quality block is dropped from a longest embedded bit-stream of the one or more embedded bit-streams when a predetermined threshold is met.
- 17. (Withdrawn) The rasterizer of claim 13, wherein the compressor is configured to compress the one or more embedded bit stream to include a set of

quality blocks and a quality block based on a predetermined metric is dropped from a set of embedded bit-streams when a predetermined threshold is met.

- 18. (Withdrawn) The rasterizer of claim 17, wherein the predetermined metric is based on a signal to noise ratio.
- 19. (Withdrawn) The rasterizer of claim 17, wherein the predetermined metric is based on visual quality.
 - 20. (Original) A method of compressing print data comprising: determining a threshold of a printing device resource; receiving an intermediate image file;

translating the intermediate image file to data described by a progressive encoding technique;

selectively dropping quality information from the data when the threshold of a printing device resource is met.

- 21. (Original) The method of claim 20 wherein the data described by a progressive encoding technique comprises embedded bit-streams.
- 22. (Original) The method of claim 21, wherein dropping quality information is performed by dropping a quality block from each of the embedded bit-streams when the threshold of the printing device resource is met.

23. (Original) The method of claim 21, wherein dropping quality information is performed by dropping a quality block from a longest embedded bit-stream of the embedded bit-streams when the threshold of the printing device resource is met.

- 24. (Original) The method of claim 21, wherein dropping quality information is performed by dropping a quality block based on a predetermined metric from each of the embedded bit-streams when the threshold of the printing device resource is met.
- 25. (Original) The method of claim 20, further comprising completing translating the intermediate file when the threshold of the printing device resource is met.
- 26. (Original) The method of claim 20, wherein the intermediate image file comprises a page strip.
- 27. (Original) The method of claim 20, wherein the embedded bitstream comprises an image chain.
 - 28. (Original) An embedded bit-stream compressor comprising:
 means for receiving an intermediate image file;
 means for translating the intermediate image file to embedded bit-streams;

means for selectively dropping quality information from the embedded bitstreams when a predetermined threshold of a printing device resource is met.

- 29. (Original) The embedded bit-stream compressor of claim 28 wherein the means for translating the intermediate image file includes a means for completing translating when the predetermined threshold of the printing device resource is met.
- 30. (Original) The embedded bit-stream compressor of claim 28 further comprising means for storing the embedded bit-streams to a recordable medium.
- 31. (Original) A computer program product, encoded in computer readable media, comprising:
- a first set of instructions, executable on a computer system, configured to receive an intermediate image file;
- a second set of instructions, executable on the computer system, configured to translate the intermediate image file to embedded bit-streams; and
- a third set of instructions, executable on the computer system, configured to drop quality information from the embedded bit-streams when a predetermined threshold of a printing device resource is met.
- 32. (Original) The computer program product of claim 36 further comprising:

a fourth set of instructions, executable on the computer system, configured to store the embedded bit-streams on recordable media.

- 33. (Original) The computer program product of claim 31, wherein the second set of instructions translates the intermediate file when the predetermined threshold of the printing device resource is met.
- 34. (Original) The computer program product of claim 31, wherein the third set of instructions drop quality by dropping a portion of quality information from each of the embedded bit-streams when the predetermined threshold of the printing device is met.
- 35. (Original) The computer program product of claim 31, wherein the third set of instructions drop quality information by dropping a portion of quality information from a longest embedded bit-stream of the embedded bit-streams when the predetermined threshold of the printing device is met.
- 36. (Original) The computer program product of claim 31, wherein the third set of instructions drop quality information by dropping a portion of quality information based on a predetermined metric from each of the embedded bit-streams when the predetermined threshold of the printing device is met.